Subject No. 352.
Remissions required on wet lands in Nanjangud and Chamrajnagar Taluks this year.

Summary of discussion.—The rains failed this year and tanks did not receive their full supply of water. Lands therefore remain largely uncultivated and such Kartik crops as were planted failed in the Nanjangud and Chamrajnagar Taluks. A portion of the wet assessment should therefore be remitted this year.

Dewan's reply.—Yes, where necessary.

Subject No. 353.
Difficulties in procuring land in Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Applications for cultivation of Gomal lands, Bechirakh villages and lands containing scrub jungle are often refused on the ground that the Forest Department object to the grant of these lands containing as they do some sandal plants and scrub jungle. This should be put a stop to and the Amildars directed to dispose of such applications without the interference of the Forest Department unless there are valuable timber trees on the lands asked for.

Dewan's reply.—This complaint was brought up before. Cultivation is extending in the Heggaddevankote Taluk and there is a demand for more land. The Deputy Commissioner will be instructed as desired.

Subject No. 354.
Simplification of new forms of village accounts.

Summary of discussion.—The headings of forms Nos. 3, 4 and 9 of the forms of village accounts printed in Appendix A to the Revenue Rules are too numerous. These forms should be revised and simplified as Shanbhogs find it difficult to prepare accounts in them. Representative Members from the Nagamangala Taluk also spoke on the same subject remarking that the new forms for accounts were very elaborate entailing considerable labor in their preparation without corresponding advantage to Government or to the raiyat and that the survey forms which they superseded were more suitable and should be restored.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration.

Subject No. 355.
Excessive Court costs in Revenue matters.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats are put to heavy expense by way of stamp duty on petitions addressed to the Dewan and the Deputy Commissioner. They now hear that they have to affix stamps to petitions to Amildars and pay process fees in inquiries to be held by Amildars. This will be very hard for the poor people and should be abolished and the Amildars directed to conduct summary enquiries as before. Moreover the Land Revenue Code and the rules thereunder do not specify what complaints are cognizable by whom. A definition of this as in the schedule annexed to the Criminal Procedure Code would be useful and save time and trouble to all concerned. Again the cost of stamps presses all the more heavily upon people as Amildars now require a written representation with stamp affixed in every petty matter which formerly used to be disposed of at Jamabandi time on representations made by word of mouth or petition on plain paper.